



AusDBF Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday 22 November 2020

Via Zoom video conference

Started: 9:00am / concluded: 10:35am (WA time)

AusDBF Board

John Holland (Chair)
Martin Hastings (Finance)
Rex Tindal (Director)
Kris Fleming (Director)
Philippa Mclean (Director)
Sylvia Wong (Director)
Janine Lette (Director)

Member States

Mark Slater (DBQ-President)
Nicola Frowen (DBNSW-Chair)
Shane Knight (DBNSW-CEO)
Wynette Monserrat (DBNSW-Director)
John Corcoran (DBACT-President)
Sue Pidgeon (DBACT - Membership)
Mabel Sansom (DAA - Chair)

Adrian Stephens (DBV – President)
John Cuzzupi (DBV– Vice President)
Craig Ryan (DBV – Op Manager)
Ann Collidge (DBTAS – President)
Peter Button (DBSA – President)
Maria Darby (DBSA–Vice President)
Barbara Clarkson (DBWA–President)
Georgina Smith (DBWA – Admin)
Susan Troncone (DBWA Treasurer)

Guests: Ruth Bollard

Minutes taken Melanie Cantwell (MC)

John Holland introduced and welcomed Ruth Bollard to the meeting. AusDBF is appointing Ruth as a Director to AusDBF to develop the Inclusivity & Diversity portfolio.

1. Acceptance/Review of previous Annual General Meeting minutes

Minutes were accepted by Members present with the note of the below edits

Item 8 – change second dot point to 'AusDBF to create a policy and form which outlines criteria and process for future nominations.

Minutes were moved by: John Corcoran (DBACT) and seconded by Adrian Stephens (DBV)
Approved by Members (using Zoom poll voting)

2. Acceptance of 2019-2020 AusDBF Financial Statements

DBSA asked would it be possible to see the next level of detail on the accounts.

Financial Statements were moved by: Martin Hastings (AusDBF) and seconded by Barbara Clarkson (DBWA)
Approved by Members (using Zoom poll voting)

3. Appointment of Auditor

Martin stated AusDBF would like to retain current Auditors, as their price charged for current audit was less than previous quotes received for Audit.

Appointment of Auditor was moved by: Martin Hastings (AusDBF) and seconded by Barbara Clarkson (DBWA)
Approved by Members (using Zoom poll voting)

4. 2019-2020 Annual Report

- John thanked all the Members for working together over last challenging 12 months
- Members thanked AusDBF for a well presented and informative Annual report
- Members asked if AusDBF was able to provide a breakdown on registered members per State by age division. (Melanie and Martin to forward information out to Members)

Annual Report was moved by: Mark Slater (DBQ) and seconded by Nicola Frowen (DBNSW)
Approved by Members (using Zoom poll voting)

5. Election of Directors

- AusDBF has 3 Director positions up for election.
 - Kris Fleming for personnel reasons has decided to not re-stand.
 - Rex Tindal has nominated for a 3rd term
 - Janine Lette has nominated for a 2nd term
- John thanked Kris Fleming for her hard work and contribution to the AusDBF Board over the last 2 years.
- Philippa gave her personnel thanks to Kris Fleming
- Kris – thanked everyone for their support over the last 2 years

Both Rex and Janine gave a brief overview on what they would like to achieve over the next 2 years if they were re-elected.

9:38am (WA time) Rex and Janine both logged off and left the meeting

- Adrian (DBV) – stated – the appearance of AusDBF is that it is working Board rather than a strategic Board. DBV would like to see less focus on race officials and rules and more on the participants, focus on marketing of the sport and the participants. Would like to see a broader age combination on the Board with a broad skills base
- John (AusDBF) stated – AusDBF will be sourcing a person with experience in Marketing to appoint to the Board
- Ruth Bollard – provided the Members with an overview of her background and felt the AusDBF Board is being inclusive with people putting up their hands who have skills
- Nicola (DBNSW) – would also like the AusDBF Board to have a more strategic focus rather than being seen to be operational. Encourage pathways for members to nominate for the Board
- John (AusDBF) – AusDBF Committees and working groups are pathways for future Directors as it provides insights into how the sport works collaboratively between Club>State>AusDBF. Felt the Committees were moving in the right direction
- Mark (DBQ) – suggested AusDBF could consider a specialist consultant outside the membership to assist the Board, appreciate this comes at a cost but AusDBF would receive a professional service
- Mabel (DAA) – it is impressive what AusDBF has been able to achieve with volunteers and one employee
- Martin (AusDBF) – if AusDBF appoints a Director then their labour is free, if AusDBF pays for a consultant that will cost dollars which AusDBF doesn't have the budget for.
- Mabel (DAA) – we had a University student 2 days a week to manage our social media. Suggest looking for a Uni student who is studying social media, as this would be helpful work experience for them
- Peter (DBSA) – SA are appreciative what AusDBF does, it's too late to raise changes now

Kris Fleming was appointed as scrutineer.

Results were counted by Zoom pool voting

Rex Tindal – was elected to the AusDBF Board for a 3rd term

Janine Lette – was elected to the AusDBF Board for a 2nd term

Rex and Janine were asked to return to the meeting

6a. Motion: 'To accept Club Membership proposal'

- John (AusDBF) gave a brief overview. The paper follows the discussion which was held with Members at the forum in August 2020. There are currently 2 clubs in NT, with small membership base difficult to set-up a State organisation again, allowing the Club membership would bring the 2 NT clubs back into the dragon boat fold and compete at AusChamps and be part of the community. The policy is specific in the details with regards to only a Club where there is no State organisation would be considered for Membership. Once there are 3 or more clubs applying for club membership, they would be required to work through the process of setting up a State based organisation
- General discussion about the numbering where the Club Membership would fit into the constitution

Agreement for a new motion to be accepted – Subject to the renumbering of clause 5 to accept and adopt 'Club Membership' as a category of membership in the AusDBF constitution.

Moved: Barbara Clarkson (DBWA) / seconded: Mabel Sansom (DAA)

Motion was approved and adopted by a show of hands

6b. Motion: 'To consider and adopt the following change to the AusDBF constitution -

Add in clause 1.1 Club Members means a dragon boat club admitted to the Company under (clause to be inserted in section 5). Clause will be inserted as 5.7, existing clauses from 5.7 and 5.8 will change to 5.8 and 5.9

Moved: Barbara Clarkson (DBWA) / seconded: Mabel Sansom (DAA)

Motion was approved and adopted by a show of hands

6c. Motion: 'To consider and adopt the following change to the AusDBF constitution –

Add to clause 5.1 the new membership category of 'Club Membership'

Moved: Barbara Clarkson (DBWA) / seconded: Mabel Sansom (DAA)

Motion was approved and adopted by a show of hands

7. Motion: 'To consider and adopt the following change to the AusDBF constitution –

Change clause 12.1 (c) to read 'Affiliate membership has no voting rights attached with the exception of Dragons Abreast Australia, who shall receive one (1) vote'.

Moved by: John Holland (AusDBF) and seconded by Mabel Sansom (DAA)

Motion was approved and adopted by a show of hands

8. Motion: 'To consider and adopt the following change to the AusDBF constitution –

Change clause 15.3 to read 'In the case of equality of voting on any question, the Chair shall exercise a casting vote in favour of maintaining the status quo'.

Moved by: John Holland (AusDBF) and seconded by Mabel Sansom (DAA)

Motion was approved and adopted by a show of hands

9. Motion: 'To consider and agree for Janelle Gamble to be granted Life Member status to AusDBF

- Mabel (DAA) approved of the nomination and said Janelle was a very worthy recipient
- Barb (DBWA) approved of the nomination and were appreciative of the support Janelle had contributed to the Junior program
- Adrian (DBV) – also confirmed this was a worthy choice

Motion was approved and adopted by a show of hands to bestow Life Membership for Janelle Gamble

Meeting closed: 10:35am (WA time)